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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF UR-POLISH BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT

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1. ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CALLED ON EMBOFF FEBRUARY 28 TO DISCUSS STATUS OF PROPOSED BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT. THEY HAD HEARD THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO INCLUDE ONLY ENGINES AND PROPELLORS IN THE EXPANDED US-POLISH AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE TWO COMMERCIAL PROPOSALS WHICH INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF A 600 H.P. ENGINE IN AMERICAN-BUILT AIRFRAMES, THE GRUMMAN AGCAT AND THE ROCKWELL THRUSH. HOWEVER, ROCKWELL HAS ALSO PROPOSED TO DEVELOP A NEW AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT BY INSTALLING THE POLISH 1000 H.P. ENGINE IN A MODIFIED THRUSH AIRFRAME WHICH WOULD BE DESIGNED AND BUILT IN POLAND. FOR THIS REASON, THE ROCKWELL REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTED THAT THE AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT INCLUDE AIRFRAMES FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT UP TO 12,500 POUNDS (FAR 23) IN ADDITION TO ENGINES, PROPELLORS, AND SPARES (FAR 33).
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2. THE PROPOSAL FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF A 1000 H.P. AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE IT WILL BE IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH THE AGRICULTURAL VERSIONS OF BOTH THE AN-2 AND THE MI-15 WHICH ARE SOVIET-DESIGNED AIRCRAFT NOW PRODUCED IN POLAND. ROCKWELL BELIEVES THAT THE 1000 H.P. THRUSH WILL BE FAR MORE EFFICIENT THAN EITHER OF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT AND WILL MAKE THEM NON-COMPETITIVE. TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE SOVIETS. THE POLES HAVE ASKED THAT THE PROJECT BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. ROCKWELL ALSO ASKED THAT THIS PROPOSAL NOT BE REVEALED TO GRUMMAN. DAVIES

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